

Building a Healthy Boston

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**Via E-mail only**

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Re: [Public Records Request of March 20, 2019](#)

Dear Ms. Allen:

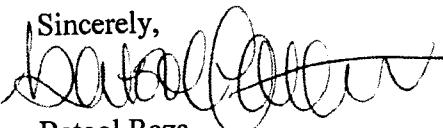
The Boston Public Health Commission (“Commission”) is in receipt of your March 20, 2019 request for *“information of total number of incidents Boston EMS responded to in Charlestown in the last calendar year and how many of these incidences were handled by the primary Boston EMS units assigned to the Downtown/North End area.”*

In 2018, Boston EMS responded to 2,534 incidents in Charlestown. Ambulance 15 (the unit posted in Charlestown) responded to 1,834 (72%) of these incidents. Since Boston EMS runs a dynamic service, with units posted across Boston, units are not restricted in their response to the particular city-section where they are posted. Therefore, in 2018 Ambulance 8 (a zone impact ambulance for Downtown, East Boston, Charlestown and South Boston) responded to 296 out of the 2,534 incidents in Charlestown; and Ambulance 1 (posted Downtown at 109 Purchase Street) responded to another 202 of the 2,534 incidents last year in Charlestown.

Under 950 CMR 37.09(1) of the Public Records Law, you may appeal the Commission’s response to the Supervisor of Records within 90 days, or you may seek judicial remedy in Superior Court or in the Supreme Judicial Court. All appeals to the Supervisor of Records must be submitted to:

Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Public Records Division  
One Ashburton Place, Room 1719  
Boston, MA 02108

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (617) 534-5609 or at [braza@bphc.org](mailto:braza@bphc.org).

Sincerely,  
  
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